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DEVELOPMENT OF COTTON PICKER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scientists of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed self-propelled cotton picker at the Central Institute of Cotton Research at Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ICAR has evaluated the performance of the machine in the fields;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the machine will be made available to the cotton growers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) A 2-row John Deere self propelled cotton picker has been imported under National Agricultural Technology Project(NATP). The machine was field evaluated on nine different varieties of cotton.

(d) & (e): The existing cotton varieties were not found suitable for mechanical picking by this cotton picker. Appropriate cotton varieties need to be identified/developed and work on development /identification of appropriate varieties suitable for harvesting by this cotton picker is being pursued at Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur.